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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Pastor J.C. Coleman, Jr., who passed away on February 1, 2016 at the age of 70; and

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WHEREAS, Pastor J.C. Coleman, Jr. was born on September 25, 1945 in Catron, Missouri; his parents were J.C. Coleman, Sr. and Eupha Lee Branch Coleman; he moved to North Chicago with his parents at a very early age; he remained there through high school, where he played football and was a State champion wrestler; and

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WHEREAS, After graduating from high school, Pastor J.C. Coleman, Jr. immediately enlisted in the United States Army during the Vietnam era; he was honorably discharged in 1967; and

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WHEREAS, After his military service, Pastor J.C. Coleman, Jr. served Mt. Sinai Baptist Church faithfully as a Sunday school teacher for several years; he later moved his membership to Antioch Baptist Church under the pastorate of Reverend Perry, where he was ordained as a Deacon and later accepted his call into the ministry; he subsequently attended McKinley Theological Seminary, where he earned an associate's degree;

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2 WHEREAS, Pastor J.C. Coleman, Jr. was a faithful member of  
3 the New Era District for many years, serving as Secretary to 4  
4 Moderators, including Reverend Blackwell, Reverend Lightfoot,  
5 and currently Pastor Roberson; in 2006, he was called to serve  
6 as Pastor at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church of Waukegan,  
7 where he served faithfully until his passing; and

8 WHEREAS, Pastor J.C. Coleman, Jr. was an avid sportsman; he  
9 continued playing football in the Army and on 2  
10 semi-professional teams, the Lake County Rifles and the Racine  
11 Raiders; he also spent many years as a referee on the high  
12 school level; and

13 WHEREAS, Pastor J.C. Coleman, Jr. loved his community and  
14 was a community activist who never hesitated to speak up for  
15 what he believed was right for the community; he supported and  
16 remained active in his community, coaching football for Holy  
17 Family School, helping to organize and coach the Flames for the  
18 North Chicago Park District, and helping to coach football and  
19 wrestling at North Chicago High School; he also organized and  
20 coached track and field for the Park District and served for  
21 one year as an assistant coach for the St. Joseph High School  
22 of Kenosha Track and Field team, where he led the girls team to  
23 victory at the Wisconsin state track meet for the first time in

1 the school's history; and

2 WHEREAS, Pastor J.C. Coleman, Jr. was a Boy Scout leader  
3 for several years; he enjoyed teaching and working with young  
4 people, fishing, hunting, and gardening; and

5 WHEREAS, Pastor J.C. Coleman, Jr. was preceded in death by  
6 his parents; and

7 WHEREAS, Pastor J.C. Coleman, Jr. is survived by his  
8 devoted wife, Inette Coleman, whom he married on August 12,  
9 1967; his sons, Jarrod (Joyce) Coleman, Courtney (Abby) Johns,  
10 Ryan Eatmon, and Javontay Connor; his daughters, Cydney (Eric)  
11 Matthews, Pamela (Trevor) Daly, Kristal (Robert) Cross, and  
12 Kathy (Nathaniel) Hall; his grandchildren, Patrick, Jarrod,  
13 Jonathan, Pierce, and Joyce Coleman, Brianna, Amber, and Erica  
14 Mathews, Leila Eatmon, Nicholas and Madisen Daly, and Kennedy  
15 Elise Hall; his brothers, Michael (Margaret) Coleman, Willie  
16 (Melinda) Coleman, Dennis (Cheryl) Coleman, and Gerald  
17 (Cheryl) Coleman; his sisters, Pauline (Joe) Flowers and Betty  
18 Dean Jones; and his many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other  
19 relatives, and friends; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
21 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
22 we, along with his family and friends, mourn the passing of

1 Pastor J.C. Coleman, Jr.; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to the family of Pastor J.C. Coleman, Jr. as an  
4 expression of our sympathy.